



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : LIGNELL et al. Confirmation No: 4529
Appl. No. : 10/088,496
Filed : March 29, 2002
Title : USE OF XANTHOPHYLLS, ASTAXANTHIN e.g., FOR
TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES, CHRONIC
VIRAL AND INTRACELLULAR BACTERIAL INFECTIONS

TC/A.U. : 1654
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of March 31, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response has been extended to expire on September 30, 2003 by the filing herewith of a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.